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for, and to superintend, the publications for the year 1798, constituting the fifth volume of the Collections of the Society, and comprised in four numbers.

JOHN DUNN, LL.D., of Killaly, Ireland, and Dr. ELIHU HUBBARD SMITH, of New York, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Nominations: Christopher Gore, Esq., a Resident Member, by Dr. Belknap; Rev. John Bradford, a Resident Member, by Mr. Freeman; Dr. Samuel Latham Mitchill, of New York, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Morse.

SPECIAL MEETING, JANUARY, 1798.

At a special meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 15, 1798,—the members present were, Belknap, Clarke, J. Davis, D. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Kirkland, Minot, Quincy, Sullivan, Tudor, and Turell.

Judge TUDOR was appointed a committee to draw up a petition to the Honorable Senate, requesting the donation of the portraits which hang in the old Senate Chamber.

The Judge reported a petition, which was accepted, and ordered to be signed by the President and presented to the Senate.

Nomination: Benjamin, Count Rumford, a Corresponding Member, by Judge Tudor.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Jan. 30, 1798, — the members present were, Belknap, Bentley, G. Bradford, Clarke, J. Davis, Dexter, Eliot, J. Freeman, Minot, Morse, Parsons, Quincy, Spooner, Thacher, Tudor, Turell, Webster, and Winthrop.

The President informed the Society, by letter, that the petition to the Senate for the portraits was not granted.*

Voted, That the Committee appointed at the meeting in July to apply to the General Court for payment of the expenses incurred in ascertaining the cost of publishing a map be discharged.

Voted, That Dr. Belknap procure a convenient box for depositing the papers of the Corresponding Secretary, at the expense of the Society.

CHRISTOPHER GORE, Esq., and Rev. JOHN BRADFORD were chosen Resident Members. Dr. S. L. MITCHILL, and BENJAMIN, Count RUMFORD, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Nominations: Dr. Daniel Kilham, of Wenham, a Resident Member, by Judge Minot; Rev. Abiel Holmes, of Cambridge, a Resident Member, by Dr. Belknap; Dr. Josiah Bartlett, of Charlestown, a Resident Member, by Dr. Morse; Timothy Pickering, Esq., Secretary of State, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Clarke.

The following donations have been received since the meeting of Nov. 18, 1796: —

* Leave was granted to *deposit* the portraits with the Society till further order. — Eds.

For the Treasury :—

Twenty Dollars, from Ebenezer Hazard, Esq.

For the Collections :—

Account of an Invention to keep a Ship at Sea in safety, by Mr. William Haliburton.

Meteorological Observations at Halifax, Nova Scotia, by Joseph Peters.

Antiquities and Description of County of Litchfield and Town of New Milford, in Connecticut, by Mr. Sherman Boardman.*

Description of Yarmouth, by Mr. Timothy Alden, Jr.

Account of the Settlement and Antiquities of Windsor, Connecticut, by Rev. David McClure.

Statement of the Increase of Cotton and Decrease of Indigo in South Carolina, by Henry William Desaussure, Esq.

Vocabularies of the Micmac, Mountaineer, and Skoffie languages, by Mr. Thomas Pieronnet.†

Colonel Baum's Orderly Book, 1777. Presented by General Lincoln.‡

Account of a Remarkable Flood in Penobscot River, by Mr. Timothy Alden, Jr.

For the Library :—

Collection of Documents relative to the Finances of the American Government, and some Documents of State, from Oliver Wolcott, Esq., Secretary of Treasury.

Journals of Congress and other papers printed by their order, and Robinson's Apology for the Brownists, from Ebenezer Hazard, Esq.

Maps and Pamphlets in the Latin, French, and German languages; a Literary Journal, in French, by Professor Olivarius; and Maps of Vermont, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania, beautifully engraved at Hamburgh. From Professor Ebeling.

Alexander's New Greek Grammar, from Mr. Isaiah Thomas, Jr.

Wynne's History of America, from Mr. Thomas Hancock.

Copy of the British Act of Parliament called the Stamp Act, from Colonel Dudley Colman.

Porter's and Bartlett's Discourses to the Charitable Society at Roxbury, from Mr. Nathaniel Ruggles.

Smith's History of Virginia, and Letter from a Gentleman to his Friend in England, descriptive of the Settlements in Upper Canada, from Mr. John Russell.

* This and the next following paper were published in Vol. V. of the Collections. — EDS.

† Published in Vol. VI. of the Collections. — EDS.

‡ General Burgoyne's original Orders or Instructions to Lieutenant-Colonel Baum were printed in the Collections, II. 25–27, having been issued in the serial for February, 1793. The original paper, it is there said, was deposited in the collection of the Historical Society by General Lincoln, yet the Records do not mention it. Colonel Baum's "Orderly Book," recorded as having been given by General Lincoln at this later date, is not known to be in the Society's Library, and possibly it may have been somehow confounded with the above Orders or Instructions. — EDS.

- An ancient Map of New England, from Oliver Wendell, Esq.
The Independent Chronicle, for 1779; The Asiatic Mirror, for 1795 and part of 1796; The Columbian Centinel, for 1796 and 1797. From Major Benjamin Russell.
The Independent Chronicle, for 1796 and 1797, from Mr. Thomas Adams.
The Boston Gazette, for 1796 and 1797, from Mr. Benjamin Edes.
Massachusetts Mercury, for 1796, from Messrs. Young & Minns.
The New York Herald, for 1797, from Noah Webster, Jr., Esq.
The Salem Gazette, for 1796 and 1797, from Rev. William Bentley.
Three volumes of select Pamphlets, 8vo; American Remembrancer, three volumes, 8vo; and Calef on Witchcraft. From Mr. Edward Blunt.
Journals of Congress, Vol. I., from Hon. John Lowell, Esq.
The Laws of the Island of St. Christopher's, edition of 1769, and the Laws of Virginia, edition of 1636, from Mr. Eben. Larkin.
A Print of Yale College, from Mr. John Tilestone.
Austin's Thanksgiving Sermon, 1796, from Isaiah Thomas, Esq.
Hewes's Collection of Facts and Occurrences, from Mr. Samuel Hewes.
Cushing's Discourse on July 4, 1796, from the author.
Three Sermons, from Rev. Dr. Fiske.
Mrs. Johnson's Captivity, from Mr. John Hubbard.
Several valuable Pamphlets, from Mr. Gardiner Baker.
Forster's Observations in Cook's Second Voyage round the Globe, from Mr. Edward Davis, Jr.
New Views of the Indians of North America, and a Memoir concerning the Fascinating Power which has been ascribed to the Rattlesnake, from Dr. Barton, the author.
Several Philosophical and Medical Pamphlets, from Dr. Mitchell.
Dr. Lewis's Election Sermon, 1797 (Connecticut), from Rev. David McClure.
Mr. Mellen's Election Sermon, 1797 (Massachusetts), from the author.
Judge Tucker's Dissertation on Slavery in Virginia, from the author.
Eighty Pamphlets, theological, political, and miscellaneous, from Colonel Joseph May.
Twenty-two bundles of Newspapers, printed in Boston, from Mr. John Stoddard.
A MS. of Henry Flynt, Esq., Tutor of Harvard College, from Dr. Jenkinson.
The Boston Gazette, twelve volumes, with MS. notes by the late Harbottle Dorr, Esq.; and Parliamentary Register, eighteen volumes, 8vo. From Josiah Quincy, Esq.
Neal's History of the Puritans, five volumes, 8vo; Steadman's History of the American War, two volumes, 4to; Belsham's History of the House of Brunswick and Lunenburg, two volumes, 8vo; and Maps of the Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, and Coast of North America. From William Tudor, Esq.
Commentaires de Jean Sleidan, from Mr. Thomas Pieronnet.
Father Semedo's History of China, from Timothy Newell, Esq.
Three dozen Pamphlets, from Dr. Holyoke and Mr. Bowditch.
Eighteen Pamphlets, from Isaac Mansfield, Esq.

Vindication of Governor Parr, by a Gentleman of Halifax. From Mr. Edward Newell.

Map of Vermont, from Dr. Smith, of Hanover, New Hampshire.

Laws of Rhode Island, from 1663 to 1745; Laws of Connecticut, to 1754;

Laws of New York, from 1752 to 1762; Laws of Pennsylvania, to 1742.

From Ezekiel Price, Esq.

General Winslow's Journal, for 1755 and 1756 (manuscript), from Dr. Isaac Winslow.*

Geography Made Easy, 12mo; American Geography, London edition, 8vo; American Universal Geography, 1793 and 1796, two volumes each, 8vo; Elements of Geography, first and second editions, 24mo; Universal Geography, abridged, 12mo; American Gazetteer, 8vo; Seventy-eight Pamphlets; Chalmers's Comparative Strength of Great Britain, 8vo; Several volumes of Newspapers, bound; Reichard's Travels through Europe, three volumes, 8vo; Catteau's General View of Sweden, two volumes, 8vo; Korff's Statistical Essay on Prussia, 8vo; Guide to Potsdam, &c., 12mo; Geographical Account of the States of the House of Brandenburg; Observations and Voyages of the Count de Berchtold; Fabri's Geography, 8vo; Tuneld's Geography, 8vo; and four other Books, in the German language. From Rev. Dr. Morse.

A Breviary of the Catholic Church, in the Micmac language; The Psalms, set to music by the Abbé Maillard, missionary. From James Clarke, Esq.

Dr. Oliver Fiske's Oration, July 4, 1797, and Thoughts on the Manners of the Great, from Rev. Dr. Fiske.

Account of the Discipline of a Church in Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

A Bible, printed in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and brought over by one of the first planters of New England, from Mr. Ichabod Shaw.†

Laws of United States, three volumes, 8vo, from the Legislature of Massachusetts.

* In acknowledging this gift, the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Belknap, solicited the further contribution of any early family papers, &c. To this letter Dr. Winslow replied, under date of "Marshfield, 26 Feb., 1798":—

... "You therein request me to send you any original papers that can give information of either of the Governor Winslows, that I have in my hands. Mr. John Davis was with me about two years past, and selected from our family papers all that he supposed would answer any purpose in a historical or a biographical collection, which I understood him were for the Historical Society. If he has not delivered them, I wish you to ask him for them.

"Since the receipt of yours, I have reperused said papers, but find none that I think will be of any consequence to you. However, have sent you all the papers of ancient date that I could find." . . . — Eds.

† A fragment of an ancient Bible, bearing on the blank page immediately preceding the Psalms of David the names of "Isaac Allerrton, his booke," and "William Brewster," the latter certainly not an autograph of "the elder," is in one of the cabinets of the Society. It is probably a copy of the Genevan version. — Eds.

For the Cabinet:—

A Sword of Captain Miles Standish, from Mr. Caleb Leach.

A Sword of Elder William Brewster, from Mr. Southworth Shaw.

Two very singularly wrought Stones, found at Moose-ke-keen, in the district of Maine, from Mr. Lemuel Symonds.

An Indian Stone Axe, from Mr. Isaiah Thomas, of Kingston.

An Indian Hatchet, from Mr. Lewis Weston.

Several Weapons, Implements, and Ornaments of Stone, found in Indian graves at Plymouth, and a curious Hook, composed of silver, copper, and crystal, from Mr. Ichabod Shaw.*

* The following "Memorandum" accompanied these several gifts, drawn up in a hand a little resembling that of Judge Davis, but certainly not in that of Mr. Ichabod Shaw (except the signature), who seems to have been instrumental in procuring the articles for the Society. The sword of Governor Carver had been given by him a year or two before. It may be well to preface the "memorandum" with a letter of Mr. Shaw, which probably came with it. Mr. Shaw was a mechanic, and evidently not familiar with the use of the pen. The orthography of this letter, and a few errors which we will call "clerical," have been corrected. The "Master Southworth Shaw" who presented the sword of Elder Brewster was a younger brother of Mr. Ichabod Shaw; and they were uncles of our late associate, Dr. N. B. Shurtleff.

"PLYMOUTH, Feb. 9, 1797.

"SIR,—At the request of some of my acquaintances, who have put several articles into my care which they wish to present to the Historical Society for their Museum, as also the former intimation I gave that I had discovered a number of ancient articles that were brought to Plymouth by the first settlers of the place, which, I apprehend, would be acceptable to the Society could they be obtained, I have applied to several of the possessors of those articles, and find they are very fond of keeping them, in memory of their ancestors. However, I do not despair of obtaining a considerable number of them in a short time, as I endeavored, if possible, to convince them those articles would be much better preserved in your Museum than they can possibly be in private families. I have obtained two swords: one is the sword of Captain Miles Standish; the other, Elder William Brewster's sword. As I never wish to forward any thing to the Society without satisfactory evidence of their identity, have made the strictest search that lapse of time can possibly afford, which in this case is only circumstantial, and which, I trust, in some measure will be satisfactory. I shall give you a list of the several articles, and the names of those persons that present them, together with what vouchers are obtained respecting the two swords and some other articles. You will, Sir, recollect that in August, 1795, when you received the sword of Governor Carver, I proposed sending you a hook to suspend the same, and which promise has not as yet been fulfilled, as very soon after I proposed to make the hook I had the misfortune to break my arm, but it is now so far recovered that I am able to do some labor. I also informed you the materials of which the hook should be made were as ancient as the sword. They really are so, and had they fell into ingenious hands you might have received something worthy your acceptance;

A Bookcase, with glass doors, from Josiah Quincy, Esq.

A Portrait of Dr. Increase Mather, from Mr. John Dugan.

but I have attempted to form something for that purpose, and, should it meet with your approbation so far as to make use of the same for the intended purpose, it will amply reward me for my rough performance. Am, with the greatest respect, your most obedient humble servant,

“ICHABOD SHAW.

“Rev. Dr. JEREMY BELKNAP,

Secretary to Massachusetts Historical Society,
Boston.”

“Memorandum of articles presented to the Historical Society of Massachusetts by persons whose names will appear below. All the information tending to prove their identity is here collected, viz. :—

“ARTICLE I. Sword of Captain Miles Standish. This sword has been in the possession of the Standish family since the death of Captain Standish, as is reported by Ebenezer Standish, from whom it was purchased, in the year 1796. And is presented by Caleb Leach, of Plymouth.

“2. Sword of Elder William Brewster. A similar tradition respecting this sword was given by Job Brewster, formerly of Duxbury, deceased, of whom it was purchased about twenty years since. And is presented by Master Southworth Shaw, of Plymouth.

“3. The Devil's Foot and a Petrified Kitten—two uncommon-shaped stones. They were found in the eastern part of the Province of Maine, by Lemuel Symonds. Here follows an extract of a letter from him on the subject :—

“‘I send you two stones that were found at Moosekekeen Reach—a spot where the Indians used to collect to have their sins pardoned by the French missionaries; a place held in great reverence by the natives.’ They are presented, by his request, by Ichabod Shaw, of Plymouth.

“4. An Indian Stone Axe. By Isaiah Thomas, of Kingston.

“5. An Indian Hatchet. By Master Lewis Weston, of Plymouth.

“6. A Stone Spear, with a number of Indian weapons, dug up in Plymouth, deposited by bones of the natives found at the same place, with several small Indian articles; have been collected from various hands, with a request that they might be placed in the collection of curiosities of the Historical Society of Massachusetts, and are forwarded by Ichabod Shaw, of Plymouth.

“7. Sword of Hon. John Carver, first Governor of Colony of New Plymouth. Also presented by Ichabod Shaw, Plymouth.

“Note to article 7. A Plated Ornament, designed for a hook, merely to receive Governor Carver's sword, will accompany this communication. The donor respectfully requests that the sword may be suspended from it. The cluster of crystals on the top were found on a rock at Horton, Nova Scotia. The other crystal seems to resemble a coffin, and is consecrated to the memory of Governor Carver by the donor. This was taken from a bed of crystal at Plymouth. The unstrung bow, with its arrow, engraved on the plate, is symbolically introduced, in allusion to the establishment of civilization by the sword of the pious founders of the Colony.

“ICHABOD SHAW.

“PLYMOUTH, Feb. 16, 1797.”

Eds.

An ancient Coin of the Roman Emperor Nerva, from Mr. Andrew Norton.
An Italian Coin of the seventeenth century, from Mr. Charles Sigourney.

An original Charter of Sir F. Gorges, from Mr. Joseph Tucker.

Several articles of Dress and Weapons from the South Sea Islands and the north-west coast of America, and a Malayan Crease, from Mr. John Boit, Jr.

A Fan, Bow and Arrows, a Bird of Paradise, and some small Shells from Bengal. From Captain William Miller.

An Apron, a Paddle, some Fishing Lines from the north-west coast of America, and a Spear from Otaheite. From Captain Boit.

A pair of Indian Stockings, from Mrs. Parker.

Several small Animals, dried or preserved in spirits, from Captain Uriah Green.

A Micmac Tobacco Pipe, the bowl made of gypsum, from Mr. Thomas Pieronnet.

A Bank Bill of Sixpence, and a Tax Bill of 1736, from William Donnison, Esq.

A Manufactory Bill of One Shilling, from Joseph Laughton, Esq.

An artificial Toad, cut in stone; a Bow and Arrows, and a small Birch Canoe, from Nootka Sound. From Mr. John Tucker, of York.

A Shell of the oyster genus, from Sumatra, weight one hundred pounds; a Horn of the Rhinoceros, from Africa; the Pinna Marina Mussel, from St. Helena; a Head of a Calao, a bird of Sumatra, with round crest; another with concave crest; another with shelled crest; the Spider Shell, univalve, spiral, flat mouth, six horns; and the Horns of the Gazella Africana. From Rev. William Bentley.

Portrait of Dr. Increase Mather, from Mrs. Crocker.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1798.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, April 24, 1798,—the members present were, Belknap, J. Davis, Eliot, Fiske, J. Freeman, Gannett, Kirkland, Minot, Quincy, Tudor, and Turell.

The members proceeded to the annual election of officers:—



Jeremy Belknap

Heliotype Printing Co., 220 Devonshire Street, Boston.

Sir

Tuesday Jan'y 31. 1787

Be so good as to inform my Brethren of the Historians Society that on account of the present State of my health I do not think myself impotent to attend any business as one of their Committee respecting the proposed map of the Commonwealth & therefore I desire them to appoint some other Person in my Room. If my name is on any other Committee I ask the same favour of them respecting it. I have at this Time intended an account of my doings in procuring Subscriptions & if I have not done so much as others I hope they will have the candour to impute it to any other Cause rather than to a want of Zeal in their service & to discharge me from any further obligations in that matter.

I am Sir, with my respects to the Gent^lyour most humble serv^t

Jeremy Belknap

JAMES SULLIVAN	was chosen	PRESIDENT.
GEORGE R. MINOT	„	TREASURER.
JEREMY BELKNAP	„	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES FREEMAN	„	RECORDING SECRETARY.
JOHN ELIOT	„	LIBRARIAN.
JOHN T. KIRKLAND	„	ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.
SAMUEL TURELL	„	CABINET-KEEPER.
REDFORD WEBSTER	} were chosen . .	STANDING COMMITTEE.
JOHN DAVIS		
JOSIAH QUINCY		

Dr. DANIEL KILHAM, of Wenham, Rev. ABIEL HOLMES, of Cambridge, and Dr. JOSIAH BARTLETT, of Charlestown, were chosen Resident Members. TIMOTHY PICKERING, Esq., Secretary of State, was chosen a Corresponding Member.

Nominations: Hon. Benjamin Lincoln, Esq., of Hingham, a Resident Member, by Judge Minot; Dr. Isaac Rand, of Boston, a Resident Member, by Dr. Eliot.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, July 19, 1798,—the members present were, Bentley, Coffin, J. Davis, Eliot, Fiske, J. Freeman, Holmes, Minot, Morse, Pemberton, Prince, Quincy, Spooner, Sullivan, Thacher, Tudor, Turell, Webster, and Winthrop.

Voted, That the Society now proceed to the election of a Corresponding Secretary, in the room of Dr. Belknap, deceased.*

* The death of Dr. Belknap made the first breach in the little band of founders of the Society, of which he was the principal. He died on the 20th of June, 1798, at the comparatively early age of fifty-four. A sketch of his

The ballots being taken, it appeared that JOHN ELIOT was chosen.

JOHN T. KIRKLAND was chosen Librarian.

THOMAS WALLCUT was chosen Assistant Librarian.

Voted, That the Recording Secretary purchase for the Society two volumes of Purchas's "Pilgrims," and that the Cabinet-Keeper purchase "Dampier's Voyages," in four volumes.

Voted, That the President of this Society be requested to write a letter to the President of Williamstown College, informing him that the Society will be happy to make such communications and exchanges with the College as will tend to promote the natural, civil, and ecclesiastical history of the country.

A letter to the Corresponding Secretary from Count Rumford being read, it was

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary publish it in one of the newspapers in Boston.*

life and character, by the Rev. John Eliot, is in Vol. VI. of the Collections, pp. x.-xviii. An excellent Life of Dr. Belknap, by his grand-daughter, Jane Belknap, now Mrs. Marcou, was published by Harper Brothers, in 1847, in 253 pp. 12mo; and reference may be made to a sketch of his life, prefixed to the publication of the "Belknap Papers," in 5 Collections, II. vii.-x.

Dr. Belknap's death was preceded by that of the Rev. John Clarke, D.D., who died a few weeks before him, on the 2d of April, 1798, in the forty-third year of his age, being the first death which occurred in the ranks of the Society. Dr. Clarke was elected a member on the 26th of January, 1796. A sketch of his life and character is in Vol. VI. of the Collections, pp. iii.-ix., immediately preceding that of Dr. Belknap, by whom it was supposed to have been written for the "Columbian Centinel," in which it originally appeared, April 7, 1798. As introducing the memoirs of Dr. Belknap and Dr. Clarke, in the Society's volume, the editors, in the fitting words of Judge Davis, say:—

"It is a duty which the Historical Society owe to their institution, to their own feelings, and to their country, to preserve in their publications some memorial of their associates, as they descend to the grave, especially of those who have been distinguished in the literary world. With tender recollections of two valuable members, whose death will long be deplored, they have appropriated a part of their Collections to a sketch of their lives and characters, persuaded that nothing which tends to honor and perpetuate the memories of a Clarke and a Belknap can be uninteresting to any of the readers of these papers."—Eds.

* The following is Count Rumford's letter, transcribed from the original on file. It has already been printed by our associate, the Rev. George E. Ellis,

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary forward to Count Rumford one set of the Collections of the Society, handsomely bound, in four volumes.

Hon. BENJAMIN LINCOLN and Dr. ISAAC RAND were chosen Resident Members.

Nominations: Rev. Ebenezer Fitch, President of Williamstown College, a Resident Member, by Dr. Morse; John Williams, Esq., of Deerfield, a Resident Member, by the President; Rev. Andrew Eliot, of Fairfield, Connecticut, a Corresponding Member, by Mr. Freeman; Rev. Benjamin Trumbull, D.D., of North Haven, a Corresponding Member, by Dr. Thacher.

D.D., in his elaborate Life of Count Rumford, written for the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, pp. 346, 347:—

“REVEREND SIR,—I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 31st January, in which you inform me of my having been elected a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society. I request, Sir, that you would present my best thanks to that respectable body for the honor they have done me, and at the same time assure them that I feel myself highly flattered by this distinguished mark of their regard and esteem.

“Though my present situation and connections must for the present, and may, perhaps, for ever, prevent my having the satisfaction of co-operating with the Society in the furtherance of their interesting and useful researches, yet I shall have much pleasure in contemplating, even at this great distance, the fruits of their meritorious exertions; and shall feel no small degree of pride in seeing myself enrolled in the same list with those generous benefactors of future generations whose names will go down to posterity with the treasures they are collecting.

“There are few things that could afford me so much heartfelt satisfaction as to be able to avail myself of the kind invitation of the Society to come and take my place among them. I have ever loved my native country with the fondest affection; and the liberality I have experienced from my countrymen, their moderation in success, and their consummate prudence in the use of their independence, have attached me to them by all the ties of gratitude, esteem, and admiration.

“Requesting that you, Sir, would accept my thanks for the flattering manner in which you have conveyed to me the Resolution of the Society, I have the honor to be, with sincere regard and esteem, your much obliged and most obedient servant,

“RUMFORD.

“MUNICH, 22d April, 1798.

“The Rev. JEREMY BELKNAP, D.D.,
Secretary to the Massachusetts Historical Society.”

EDS.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Oct. 30, 1798,—the members present were, G. Bradford, Fiske, J. Freeman, Gannett, Holmes, Kirkland, Morse, Spooner, Turell, and Winthrop.

Voted, That a set of the Collections, bound in calf, be presented to the University of Gottingen.

Voted, That the numbers of the Collections, as they are published, be presented to Mrs. Belknap.

Voted, That the picture of Dr. Belknap be purchased by the Society, provided that a subscription to its amount can be obtained among the members.

Rev. EBENEZER FITCH and JOHN WILLIAMS, Esq., were chosen Resident Members. Rev. ANDREW ELIOT and Rev. BENJAMIN TRUMBULL, D.D., were chosen Corresponding Members.

GEORGE R. MINOT, JOHN DAVIS, JOHN THORNTON KIRKLAND, and JOSIAH QUINCY were appointed a committee to superintend the publications of the Society for the year 1799.

Voted, That, at the end of the next list of donations, the Corresponding Secretary request the public to present to the Society plays, novels, and other works of taste, written in America, descriptive of the character, manners, and sentiments of the people of the United States.